GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Juvenile Justice Act
Panda Shri Baijayant "Jay"

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision under Section 77 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 to arrest and prosecute people for giving children any intoxicating liquor, narcotic drug or psychotropic substance without the order of a duly qualified medical practitioner and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the number of persons have been arrested and prosecuted in this regard during 2015-16 and 2016-17?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ)

(a) & (b): Section 77 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, provides that whoever gives, or causes to be given, to any child any intoxicating liquor or any narcotic drug or tobacco products or psychotropic substance, except on the order of a duly qualified medical practitioner, shall be punishable with rigorous imprisonment for a term which may extend to seven years and shall also be liable to a fine which may extend up to one lakh rupees. The data regarding the number of persons who have been arrested and prosecuted in this regard during 2015-16 and 2016-17, is not maintained centrally by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

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